

**FALL 2008  
LECTURE SCHEDULE**

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**THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY**

IN PITTSBURGH



**THE OBJECTS OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY: To form a nucleus of the Universal Brother & Sisterhood of Humanity regardless of race, sex, caste, creed or color. To encourage the study of comparative religion, philosophy and science. To investigate the unexplained laws of nature and the powers latent in humanity.**

*Unless otherwise announced, all lectures this lecture season are presented Sundays from 1:30 to approx. 3:00 PM and are held in room 117 on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of Coolidge Hall on the Campus of Chatham College. Attendees need not be a member of the society, but must abide by the society's standards of civil conduct. Unless otherwise indicated, programs may be attended free of charge.*

*Call our 24-hour automated phone system at (412) 462-4200 for the most current information on lectures and Society sponsored events. This number will have all the latest information on weather and unforeseen cancellations. Officers can be reached at this same number.*

**WELCOME BACK!**

Our new location has been successful for us, we like to offer a special thank you to all the great people at Chatham University that have made our transition work so well – and a special thank you to all the members and attendees that have supported us with their presence, work and contributions. Please note that we have moved a few feet from last spring's location to the larger room 117 on the same floor of Colledge Hall.

As many of you know we emphatically encourage those who are not members of the Pittsburgh Lodge to attend our programs. This has been a very successful policy for us throughout the years, and will likely continue. However, guests should be aware that this invitation is contingent on their exhibiting behavior that is in line with the society's goals and objectives, should anyone (in the opinion of a member or officer of the Pittsburgh Lodge) become a disruptive influence their invitation will be revoked. Our group exists to discover truth – a process that often requires enlightened discussion and debate; however coercion, intimidation or threatening behavior of any sort will not be tolerated. Once any individual has been notified that they are not welcome, they may only return after they have received a written, formal, personal invitation from a Pittsburgh Lodge officer.

Your presence, and support make our existence possible. It is our group's duty to provide an atmosphere that is conducive to the loftiest possible realization of our group's objects and goals - a duty I take very seriously.

Namaste

Andrew Nesky  
President

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**November**

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**MUDRAS**

Quantum Healing – Dr. Paul Block

Mudra [from the Sanskrit *Mud* (please or delight) + *Dravay* (to draw forth)] are “postures” or “positions” that (among other things) can draw forth health and well-being. Join practitioner Dr. Paul Block for a unique and fascinating look into this ancient practice.

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November Cont...

9<sup>th</sup> **PROSPERING IN THE NEW YEAR**

**Make 2009 Your Year!** – Phil Jannetta

There are time-tested steps to prepare for the New Year, and they start now. Learn practical ways to end the current year appropriately, start off the New Year on the right foot, and follow through over the coming year to completion of your resolutions and plans, aspirations and dreams.

16<sup>th</sup> **DOUBLE FEATURE**

**LECTURE**

**TRUST BUILDING**

**An Approach To The Complexity of Trust** – Pauline Napier

Learn about the psychology of trust from Jungian Therapist, lecturer and author Pauline Napier. With ideas that germinate from Jung's theory of the "Nature of Man" Pauline will describe how people can build trust in Self, An Invisible Energy and Others. In short

"... a way of attaining liberation by one's own efforts and finding the courage to be oneself."

Jung, C.W. Vol.8, p.91

**DOCUMENTARY:**

**FACE TO FACE: An interview with C.G. Jung**

"A BBC interview with "The world's Greatest Psychiatrist" - *See details page 4*

23<sup>rd</sup> **THE HISTORY OF THE ROSICRUCIAN ORDER** – Ellen Homeister

The Rosicrucian order exists in the world as a fraternal body of men and woman devoted to the understanding, study and practical application of natural and spiritual laws. The purpose of the organization is to enable everyone to live in harmony with creative constructive forces for the attainment of health, happiness and peace. Learn about this international organization from the leader of its Pittsburgh group.

30<sup>th</sup> **THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY – NO MEETING**

**December**

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7<sup>th</sup> **DOUBLE FEATURE**

**LECTURE:**

**ASTROLOGY 101** – Donna Grecco

Astrologer, Donna Grecco, will discuss the beginning basic principles of astrology. The basic components of the natal chart will be discussed. Astrological discussion will utilize language, which includes symbols, archetypes and mythology. There will also be commentary on the major themes that are up in the collective at this time with counsel offered on how to reconcile ourselves and our lives to these energetically challenging times. Beginning as well as seasoned seekers of astrological knowledge can benefit from this presentation.

**MOVIE:**

**COMMANDMENTS – And you thought you were having a bad day!** - *See details page 4*

14<sup>th</sup> **IS ENERGY MEDICINE THE MEDICINE OF THE FUTURE?** – Dan Wagner

Dr Dan Wagner will discuss and demonstrate the amazing new ETA-SCAN system from Europe. This Bio-energetic assessment, visualization and normalization device is the ultimate technology in balancing the energetic flow of the human body.

**ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS! SEE YOU IN JANUARY!**

**Speaker's Biographies**



*Speaker's Biographies cont.*

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**Dr. Paul Block** has practiced Kinesiology for 20 years. He received his doctorate in biochemistry in Montreal Canada Studied holistic Medicine in Switzerland under Dr. Thomas Rau MD and studied acupuncture at the Shanghai School of Medicine - Shanghai China.

**Donna Greco** - *astrologer, tarot practitioner, counselor, pianist, teacher, composer...* During Donna's Saturn return, she awakened to callings, which inspired her to explore the metaphysical world. She has devotedly pursued the study of Astrology and Tarot for 25 years. Donna blends art with spiritual knowledge and sensitive attunement as a facilitator for personal transformation. She is available for lecture-presentations, workshops, individual mentorship and private consultations.

She is well known and respected as an accomplished pianist-teacher-composer. Her musical career spans 30 years, and has studied with many renowned musicians. She is accomplished in the classical, jazz and contemporary instrumental genres. Her Intuitive Music practice is designed to create personalized musical settings for the facilitation of healing and meditation. She also receives commissions for specialized musical recordings produced and designed for personal and sacred intentions. She is in the process of becoming a Certified Music Practitioner providing music for healing and transition in the hospice setting. Donna Greco is a native of Pittsburgh. She counsels, composes and teaches in her Squirrel Hill Studio. WWW.DONNAGRECO.COM

**Phil Jannetta** is an internationally known Feng Shui teacher and consultant, as well as a published author. He comes to this county after spending over 15 years in Asia as a student, teacher and consultant and where he studied Feng Shui with professional Chinese practitioners, Taoist scholars and Buddhist monks. For more than a decade Mr. Janetta operated a successful consulting practice in Tokyo. His advice was based on the principals of Ch'I energy, and their application to physical and mental well-being. Since returning to the U.S., Phil has appeared on television and radio, and in major newspapers. He consults and lectures throughout the US, Europe and the Far East, and regularly teaches at the University of Pittsburgh and Community College of Allegheny County. His published works include co-authorship of several books with Michio Kushi, including the acclaimed "Macrobiotics and Oriental Medicine."

**Ellen Homeister** is the leader of the Golden Triangle Atria Group the local affiliate of the international Rosicrucian (AMORC). She has been a member of this order since 1976 and is a past master of affiliated bodies in Ohio. She is a long time student and practitioner of mysticism and alternative healing modalities. Ellen is an RN and has been a member of the American Holistic Nursing Association since 1993. She is a student of ancient healing and astrology.

**Pauline Napier**, a licensed psychologist, is in private practice in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She received her "Diploma in Analytical Psychology" from the C.G. Jung Institute, Zurich, Switzerland. In one form or another, she has taught from pre-school through graduate school; including eleven years in the Behavioral Sciences Department of Point Park College. A number of those years she also held the position of Director Of Psychological Counseling Services. Among other commitments, she has served as a consultant to Project 60, a Pennsylvania maximum-security prison program, and in a medical hospital setting for groups with psychosomatic illnesses. She has lectured and conducted workshops nationally and internationally, transporting Jung's magnum opus into institutional settings. Currently she works with organizations who are interested in learning to incorporate Jung's concepts into the workplace. In these ventures Pauline also works in partnership with her daughter, Michelle Napier-Dunnings as a mother – daughter team.

**Andrew Nesky** is the president of the Theosophical Society in Pittsburgh. He has twice been elected to the position of Master of a Masonic Lodge, is a ULC minister and is a published writer. An actor with over 200 performance credits, he also lectures on the subject of metaphysics and human development and coaches high-school competitive public speaking, specializing in value-based Lincoln-Douglas format debate. He created and hosted the pioneering web-casted talk show "Science and the Outer Streams". The show features esoteric authorities from around the world and investigates the frontiers of human thought, science and spirituality. It is beginning its re-release and can be viewed at [www.esotericgateway.com](http://www.esotericgateway.com).

**Dan Wagner** is a 1975 graduate of the School of Pharmacy at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. He received an international M.B.A. in 1993, and attained a Doctorate of Pharmacy degree from Ohio Northern University in 2000. He has been an adjunct, assistant professor in pharmacy practice at Duquesne for eight years. He was president of the Allegheny County Pharmacist Association in 1987 and in 2000. Early in 1997, he sold his independent, community pharmacy after 17 years, and opened Nutri-farmacy, Western Pennsylvania's only all natural pharmacy selling quality vitamins, herbs, and phytonutrients. Nutri-farmacy is located at 2506 Wildwood Road, Wildwood, approximately 15

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miles north of Pittsburgh. Dan does professional counseling with patients who take both prescription and complementary medicine.

## **Theosophical Society Movie Series**

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Ever finish a movie and say, “Wow – that was *really* deep,” maybe wishing you had some way to further explore the ideas you’d just encountered? *Well wish no more!* Join the Theosophical Society once each month after a scheduled lecture to view some of the finest “deep” movies and documentaries ever made. Each month the movie will be introduced by a member or guest lecturer and then after the movie – stay for the discussion and questions! (*See the main schedule for dates and times*)

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### **FACE TO FACE: Professor Carl Jung** – Documentary (1959)

**Run Time:** 40 min.

**Rating:** NR

**Description:** John Freeman’s probing interview with the ‘worlds greatest Psychiatrist’ Carl Jung, on the BBC program Face to Face. Provides us a very rare glimpse into the Swiss psychiatrist’s personal viewpoints and sheds insight into a little his pioneering work. Face to Face was the first program on British television to unmask public figures and show what lies beneath the surface. Harsh lighting and close-up camera angles were employed to capture each flicker of emotion, a method critics referred to as “torture by television.” Among those who submitted to Freeman’s remorseless scrutiny were Evelyn Waugh, Henry Moore, Bertrand Russell, and Carl Gustav Jung. When Carl Jung consented to be interviewed, the medical community was surprised that this very private figure was suddenly willing to allow an interviewer into his personal space. When the program was first aired in 1959, Jung himself was taken aback at the unexpectedly positive response from the general public. This strong interest in his work inspired Jung to write his final work, *Man and His Symbols*, his theory of the symbolism of dreams, explained in lay terms so as to be accessible to all who would come seeking answers.

### **COMMANDMENTS** – Drama, Comedy (1996)

**Director:** Daniel Taplitz

**Run Time:** 86 min.

**Rating:** R

**Starring:** Aidan Quinn, Courteney Cox Arquette, Anthony LaPaglia, Louis Zorich, Pamela Gray

**Description:** “In this dark comedy, Seth Warner (Aidan Quinn) is a good man having a run of bad luck. His pregnant wife disappeared in the ocean during a trip to the beach, a tornado destroyed his house while leaving everything else in the neighborhood untouched, his boss fired him, and he was struck by a bolt of lightning that also injured his dog. While recovering in the hospital, Seth comes to the conclusion that God has cursed him. His brother-in-law Harry ( Anthony LaPaglia) thinks that this conclusion is absurd -- after all, Harry reasons, he violates five or six commandments every day before lunch, and things are just great with him. This notion puts a bug in Seth's ear, and when he gets out of the hospital, he decides to confront God by deliberately violating all ten commandments; he hopes to start by seducing Harry's wife, Rachel (Courteney Cox).” - **Mark Deming, All Movie Guide**